

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Werner Lorch**  
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U.S. Serial No.: **10/538,256**  
For: **HOLDING DEVICE FOR A SHOWER ATTACHMENT**  
Customer No.: **08933**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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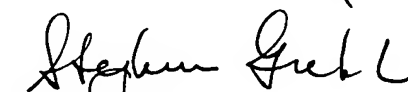
Dear Sir:

Prior to examination and before calculating the filing fee, please amend the claims as provided herein, beginning on the following page. These amended claims shall replace the claims contained in the English translation of the application as submitted herewith.

These changes are made in order to conform to US format, especially to provide clear antecedent basis and to remove multiple dependencies. No new matter is presented. The claims are within the number permitted under the basic filing fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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